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SUBJECT: COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER

REF: MEMCON, FEB. 13, 1978, ROYAL J WALD "PROBLEMS
AHEAD AT THE COPERNICUS ASTRONOMICAL CENTER"

1. USG AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER HINTS THAT POLISH
AUTHORITIES INTEND TO UTILIZE SPACE IN COPERNICUS
ASTRONOMICAL CENTER (CAC) FOR FACILITIES OF CENTER FOR
COSMIC STUDIES AS REPORTED REF. MEMCON.
2. SUCH USE OF CAC WOULD CONTRAVENE NSF AGREEMENT WITH
PAN, RISK ALIENATION OF PROSPECTIVE COOPERATING ASTRONOMERS
AND EXPOSE US SUPPORT OF CENTER TO CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM
SINCE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED BY EXCEPTIONAL ACTION.
3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR, IF POSSIBLE, TO VISIT
CAC NEXT WEEK WITH SCICOUNS WALD IN ATTEMPT TO SMOKE OUT
POLISH INTENTIONS OR ACTIONS AND THEN VOICE OUR OBJECTIONS.
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SCICOUNS WILL HAVE ALL LATEST INFORMATION. IF POLES NOT
FORTHCOMING, EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT AND STATE US
OPPOSITION TO SUCH A SCHEME, IF CONTEMPLATED.

4. FYI. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESIDENT HANDLER
MEETS AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI TUESDAY, APRIL 18 BUT WILL BE
ADVISED NOT TO RAISE ISSUE AS HE HAD INTENDED, BUT TO

OPPOSE SUCH DIVIDED USE OF CAC IF AMBASSADOR MENTIONS
SUBJECT. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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